**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Paraguay, 5th of May 2021**

Thank you Madam President,

The State of Palestine welcome the delegation of Paraguay to the third cycle of the UPR. We commend the efforts made by the Government since the last cycle to promote and protect human rights in the country.

We welcome the steps taken by Paraguay to remove obstacles and address causes of discrimination. We recommend that Paraguay continue its efforts in this regard and adopt a comprehensive legislation prohibiting discrimination and guarantee protection against discrimination for women, persons of African descent and indigenous peoples.

We also welcome the introduction of literacy and vocations programmes for indigenous communities allowing young people and adults to develop practical skills. We recommend that Paraguay continue its efforts to strengthen measures to ensure that girls could have access to education at secondary and higher levels.

We wish Paraguay a successful review.

I thank you